

Offered by Senator Nguyen

SB 5482 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

1 On page 11, line 27, strike "\$46,625,000", and insert "\$51,625,000"

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3 On page 11, line 29, strike "\$138,608,000", and insert

4 "\$143,608,000"

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6 On page 12, after line 34, insert the following:

7 "(6) \$5,000,000 of the forward flexible account-state
8 appropriation is provided solely for a connecting communities grant
9 program. It is the intent of the legislature, over the 16-year new
10 forward Washington investment program, that \$50,000,000 will be
11 provided for a connecting communities grant program. The purpose of
12 the connecting communities grant program is to improve active
13 transportation connectivity in communities by providing equitable,
14 safe, continuous routes for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other
15 nonvehicle users carrying out their daily activities. The department
16 must select projects to propose to the legislature for funding. The
17 department shall submit reports to the transportation committees of
18 the legislature by December 1, 2021 and by December 31, 2022
19 identifying the selected connecting communities projects for funding
20 by the legislature. The report must also include the status of
21 previously funded projects. In selecting projects, the department
22 must consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:

23 (a) Access to a transit facility, community facility or commercial
24 center;

25 (b) The use of minority and women-owned businesses in design and
26 construction of the project;

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1 (c) Whether the project is in a census tract with higher than state
2 average population for:
3 (i) People of color;
4 (ii) People of Hispanic heritage;
5 (iii) Household incomes at or below 200% of federal poverty level;
6 and
7 (iv) People with disabilities;
8 (d) Environmental health disparities, such as those indicated by
9 the diesel pollution burden portion of the Washington environmental
10 health disparities map developed by the department of health, or other
11 similar indicators;
12 (e) Location on or adjacent to an Indian reservation;
13 (f) Accident experience involving pedestrians and bicyclists; and
14 (g) Identified need in the state active transportation plan or a
15 regional, county, or community plan."

16 EFFECT: Provides \$5,000,000 for a Connecting Communities grant
program and states that the legislature intends to provide \$50
million for this purpose over the 16-year plan.

FISCAL EFFECT: \$50,000,000 over 16-years (Forward Flexible
Account)

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